(b) what is being done to see that the ex-servicemen get gainful employment;

(c) to what extent is the Government of Maharashtra cooperating in this regard;

(d) whether Government are aware that there is no proper coordination between the agencies of the State and the Central Government; and

(e) what is being done to see that there is proper coordination in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) As per available information, as on 31st December, 1993, there were 17,092 ex-servicemen registered for employment assistance with the Zila Sainik Boards in Maharashtra.

(b) Government have taken various steps to provide gainful employment opportunities to the ex-servicemen. These inter alia comprise reservaion of posts in the Central and the State Governments, Public Sector Uundertakings and Nationalised Banks and relaxation in the prescribed maximum age limits and educational qualifications for appointment of ex-servicemen. A variety of training programmes are conducted for ex-servicemen to improve their employment potential. Several schemes are also in operation to provide assistance to the ex-servicemen in self-employment ventures.

(c) The Government of Maharashtra is providing full cooperation in this regard.

(d) and (e) Proper and full cooperation exists between the agencies of the Central and State Governments.

Production in Ordnance factories

3111. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ordnance factories in India and the value of their production during the last three years;

(b) what are the parametres for judging their efficiency;

(c) to what extent they are being modernised; and

(d) whether their accounts have been audited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There are 39 ordnance factories in India. The gross value of production (including inter factory transfer of components) of these factories in the last three years has been as follows:—

(Rs in crores)

Year	Gross value of production
1990-91	2319
1991-92	2178
1992-93	2387

(b) Major parameters for judging efficiency of ordnance factories are the value of production, productivity, inventory management and conformance to quality standards.

(c) Modernisation of ordnance factories is an on-going process and includes replacement and renewal of old plant and machinery and introduction of state-of-the-art technology in selected areas.

(d) Accounts of ordnance factories are audited by the Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) and are also subject to statutory audit by the Comptroler and Auditor General (CAG).

Turnover of CSD

3112. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total turnover of the Canteen Stores Department during the last three years;

(b) what were the profits or losses of the department during these years; and

(c) whether Government propose to review the working of the CSD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The total turnover and profits earned by CSD during the last three years are as follows:—

(in Rs Crores)

Year	Turnover	Net profits
1990-91	824.46	40.50
1991-92	1028.68	28.76
1992-93 (Unaudited)	1172.08	50.98

(c) The functioning of the Canteen Stores Department (CSD) is regularly reviewed by the Government from time to time and efforts are continuously made to improve produtivity, sales performance, efficiency and responsiveness to the customer.

Amount spent on Defence Research

3113. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of money spent on the Department of Defence Research and Development during the last three years;

(b) whether any evaluation has been made about the working of this Department; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Rs. 700 crores in 1990-91, Rs. 685 crores in 1991-92, and Rs. 793 crores in 1992-93

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Raksha Rajya Mantri carried out review of the reasearch and development projects of the Department in December 1991 and June 1993. The Chiefs of three Services had also reviewed the Staff Projects for their respective Service during September-October 1992. In addition Research and Development Panels chaired by Vice/Deputy Chiefs of Services with members from DRDO, Services, Production units and inspection agencies review the projects in various disciplines. Major programmes are periodically reviewed by high level Programme Management Boards constituted for this purpose.

Proposals to stem violence between Defence Personnel and civilians

3114. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider long-term proposals to stem increasing number of violent incidents between service personnel in cantonments and the adjacent civilian population;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are proposed to anticipate and avoid areas of conflict between service personnel in cantonments and civilian people?